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Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit herewith a Version With Markings Showing Changes Made. Please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification

On Page 1, please delete the second full paragraph, beginning "This application claims benefit", in its entirety.

On Page 1, please insert the following paragraph immediately after the Title and before the heading "Field of the Invention":

--This application is a continuation of, and claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of United States patent application Serial No. 08/993,529, filed December 18, 1997, which is incorporated by reference in its entirety, which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/034,429, filed December 23, 1996, herein incorporated by reference in its entirety. --

On Page 10, please replace the first full paragraph after the heading "Detailed Description," with the following rewritten paragraph:

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